

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 5, line 21 through page 6, line 2 as follows:

Further, it is advantageous that the groove is an SZ-shaped groove being spirally formed so as to reverse their direction at predetermined pitch length. In such an optical cable, it is preferable that a twisting pitch length of the optical fiber ribbons is equal to or shorter than a pitch length of the grooved spacer, the pitch length of the grooved spacer being twice as large as the predetermined pitch length, i.e. the length between reversing portions S_1 and S_3 as depicted in Figure 7, and the pitch length of the grooved spacer is not integer times as large as the twisting pitch length of the optical fiber ribbons.